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SUBJ: ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS: ELIMINATION OF ARTICLE I OF VISA
AGREEMENT OF 1953.

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1. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DELAY, AND A FALSE START WHICH LED US TO BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON DECEMBER 3, FONSEC-RETARIAT NOW HAS FIXED JANUARY 2, 1974, AS DATE FOR EXCHANGE OF NOTES. UNDER TEXT OF THEIR INITIATING NOTE, EFFECTIVE DATE FOR ELIMINATION OF ARTICLE I WOULD BE JANUARY 2, 1974. INTERIM BETWEEN DECEMBER 3 AND THAT DATE WOULD BE USED TO NOTIFY MEXICAN CONSULAR OFFICIALS OF IMPENDING CHANGE.

2. OUR RESPONSE TO FONSECRETARY RABASA'S NOTE ACCORDINGLY SHOULD BE MODIFIED. EMBASSY PROPOSES FOLLOWING TEXT FOR DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION:

"I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO YOUR EXCELLENCY'S COURTEOUS NOTE NO. 500001 OF JANUARY 2, 1974, THE TEXT OF WHICH (IN TRANSLATION) IS AS FOLLOWS:

'I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE DELETION OF ARTICLE I OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO ON PASSPORTS AND VISAS (ACUERDO SOBRE DOCUMENTACION MIGRATORIA A NO-IMMIGRANTES) EFFECTED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES
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OF NOVEMBER 10, 1953.

IF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AGREES WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED AMENDMENT, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE AND YOUR EXCELLENCY'S RESPONSE SETTING FORTH THE CONCURRENCE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH WILL MODIFY THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 1953., AND WHICH WILL ENTER INTO EFFECT ON THE DATE OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S RESPONSE EXPRESSING THE AGREEMENT OF YOUR GOVERNMENT WITH THE TERMS OF THIS NOTE.'

"I HAVE THE FURTHER HONOR TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS IN ACCORD WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY'S PROPOSAL AND AGREES THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY'S NOTE AND THIS RESPONSE SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS TO MODIFY THE VISA AGREEMENT OF 1953 BY THE ELIMINATION THEREFROM OF ARTICLE I. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY'S GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN THE STEPS NECESSARY TO INFORM MEXICAN CONSULAR OFFICIALS OF THIS MODIFICATION. OFFICIALS OF MY GOVERNMENT LIKEWISE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED AND ARE PREPARED TO OBSERVE THE CORRESPONDING PROCEDURES COMMENCING AS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTE."

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, INS IMMEDIATELY SHOULD UNDERTAKE INDICATED NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES.
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